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Your Guide to Higher Education for
Seniors in Alabama

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Introduction

We decided it was time for a change, so we've given *Getting In* a new look this year. However, all the same information about higher education opportunities in Alabama that students, parents, and guidance counselors have always relied on will remain intact. The Alabama Student Loan Program—KHEAA has been providing this publication for seven years, every year updating it with information provided by Alabama admissions and financial aid officers, state agency officials, financial aid program administrators, and testing service representatives.



Getting In is easy to use. **Chapter 1** provides general information and guidelines you'll need to begin planning for education or training after high school.

Chapter 2 is devoted to student financial aid—money to help you pay for higher education. You'll find helpful information on how to help finance your college education, what kinds of financial aid is available, and how you can qualify. You'll also find useful tips and answers to frequently asked questions.

Chapter 3 contains information on colleges, universities, community and technical colleges, and trade schools in Alabama. This can be a very important source in choosing which college fits your needs and how much it's going to cost. There's a wealth of information here so take the time to look over the different schools and see what each one has to offer.

We hope that you find this publication a good source of help as you plan for your future. Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.

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